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**Corps of Engineers' Pacific Regional Visitor's Center Presents
Partnering In The Pacific Panel Discussion "Hurricanes In The
Central Pacific"**

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 12, 2005 2 - 3:30 p.m.

RSVP to: CEPOH-EC-T@usace.army.mil by July 7, 2005.

Location: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pacific Regional Visitor Center, 2nd floor
Battery Randolph, in RVC theater area

Parking: Validated parking available at the corner of Kalia and Saratoga Roads,
Waikiki (bring ticket to RVC for validation)

(HONOLULU, June 29, 2005 – NR-16-05) - Join the Pacific Regional Visitor's Center

Partnering In The Pacific Panel Discussion "Hurricanes In The Central Pacific" to learn about cooperative efforts between local, State, and Federal agencies to protect residents and visitors from hurricanes with programs for preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. The Central Pacific Hurricane season runs June 1 to November 30.

The last two major hurricanes to hit Hawaii were Hurricane Iwa in November 1982 and Hurricane Iniki in September 1992.

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2-2-2 CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANES

Hurricanes generate strong storm surge, destructive winds and heavy rainfall which can induce extensive damage to homes, buildings, bridges and roads in Hawaii.

Panel Discussion Topics include:

2:00-2:15 pm NOAA/NWS Central Pacific Hurricane Center, Jim Weyman;

Forecasting technology and pre-disaster warnings

2:15-2:30 pm Oahu Civil Defense, John Cummings III;

Pre-disaster mobilization of emergency response personnel, emergency operations centers, response to distress calls, emergency shelters, Waikiki

2:30 - 2:45 pm State Civil Defense, Ed Teixeira;

Information on two island-wide warning systems available - an air-raid warning system and tsunami warning system - to alert residents to monitor their radios or televisions for emergency broadcasts; content of weather advisory messages and most effective way to transmit them to the general public

2:45-3:00 pm FEMA Pacific Area Office Region IX, Woody Goins, Jr.;

Disaster declarations process, National Response Plan & Pacific area emergency response coordination, and federal disaster assistance

3:00-3:15 pm U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Joel Hendrix;

Emergency management, disaster recovery

3:20—3:30 pm Open Forum

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pacific Regional Visitor Center (RVC) is located on the west end of Waikiki, next to the Hale Koa Hotel and on the 2nd floor of historic Battery Randolph at Fort DeRussy, Oahu, Hawaii. Battery Randolph is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and is one of 16 coastal fortifications built by the Corps between 1906 and 1917 for the protection of Honolulu and Pearl harbors. The RVC is a federal civil works project. Construction of the center was completed March 1983 and the center was opened to the public in May 1983.

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3-3-3 CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANES

The RVC theme is "U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Partnering in the Pacific." Exhibits, interpretive presentations and outreach education are designed to stimulate interest and convey information on water resources planning and environmental stewardship. Planning and environmental stewardship calls for a holistic watershed approach and integrates the ahupua`a concept, historic conditions, current issues and future possibilities with our partners to create a sustainable future. Projects comply with Federal, State and local environmental laws and regulations to restore project sites, prevent environmental impacts such as pollution and habitat destruction, and conserve and protect the long-term availability of natural and cultural resources at project sites.

For more information on the Partnering in the Pacific Panel Discussion program please contact Civil Works Technical Branch, Honolulu Engineer District at 438-8866 or email CEPOH-EC-T@usace.army.mil.

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